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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL ON LEBANON: JULY 12

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- 1. ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING ON LEBANON DUE BEGIN 0900 GMT ON JULY 12 HAD NOT YET CONVENED AT 0930. KHADDAM, ACCORDING TO MEMBER GOE DEL. HAD STILL NOT ARRIVED BUT WAS EXPECTED AT ANY MOMENT.
- 2. PARTICIPANTS, ACCORDING TO PRESS, FONMINS OF IRAQ, TUNISIA, MAURITANIA, KUWAIT, BAHRAIN, JORDAN AND AMMAN ARRIVED CAIRO JULY 11. SAUDI AND SYRIAN FONMINS EXPECTED JULY 12. PLO HAS REPORTEDLY FORMED DEL HEADED BY LOCAL PLO OFFICE HEAD SURANI, AND BOTH KHALID AL-HASAN AND HIS BROTHER HANI ARE REPORTED TO HAVE ARRIVED IN CAIRO FOR "CONSULTATIONS."
- 3. EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY. OVER WEEKEND PAPERS WERE FULL OF INTENSE BUT UNSPECIFIED EGYPTIAN DIPLOMATIC CONTACTS AND SADAT HIMSELF, FOR FIRST TIME, IS REPORTED TO BE DIRECTING THEM. HE HAD MEETING JULY 11 WITH HIS VP, PRIMIN, AND, PERHPAS SIGNIFICANTLY,

HIS MINWAR. AT SEPARATE MEETING, HE WAS BRIEFED BY AL'S SYG RIAD. WHILE SYRIANS ARE NOT EDITORIALLY BLAMED FOR EXACERBATING LEBANESE SITUATION, PAPERS ARE FULL OF ARAFAT'S CHARGES AND ALSO REPORT THAT RADIO MOSCOW HAS "FOR FIRST TIME" FRANKLY ASSAILED SYRIAN INTERVETION. RADIO MOSCOW IS CITED AS BROADCASTING STATEMENT BY AAPSO CHARGING THAT PRESENCE OF SYRAIN TROOPS HAD ESCALATED LEBANESE CRISIS. LEFTIST WEEKLY ROSE AL-YUSUF CLAIMS KHADDAM INSULTED ARAFAT IN LAST AL COUNCIL AND ALSO CLAIMS SYRIA HAS RENEGED ON HER DECISION TO WITHDRAW TROOPS FROM LEBANON.

4. AL COUNCIL AGENDA. ACCORDING TO PRESS, AL COUNCIL PERMREP MEETING JULY 11 REVIEWED TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, WHICH INCLUDED FOUR POINTS:

A. COMMITTEE'S DISCUSSIONS IN DAMASCUS AND LEBANON.

B. VIOLATION OF CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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C. FRANJIYA'S INSISTENCE THAT NO ARAB FORCE MAY "PARTICIPATE" WITHOUT CONSENT OF THE LEGITIMATE AUTHORITY. FRANJIYA DEMANDED IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO ACCORDS BUT THEN "RETRACTED AND VIOLATED THE ACCORDS" WHEN HE SAID RESIDENCE OF PALESTINIANS MUST BE LIMITED TO THOSE LISTED IN UNRWA RECORDS.

D. PROPOSAL TO CALL ARAB SUMMIT.

5. SUMMIT CONFERENCE? PLO HAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED IT WILL ASK AL COUNCIL TO FIX IMMEDIATELY DATE FOR ARAB SUMMIT ON LEBANON. QATARI NEWS AGENCY HAD PREVIOUSLY QUOTED BAHRAINI FONMIN AS SUGGESTING SUMMIT MIGHT BE ALTERNATIVE.

6. AL FIGHTING FORCE? PLO OFFICE IN CAIRO HAS ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT PLO WILL ASK AL COUNCIL FOR IMMEDIATE FORMATION OF FIGHTING FORCE TO END LEBANESE FIGHTING AND COMMIT ALL PARTIES TO CEASE-FIRE AGREEMENTS. ARAFAT'S LATEST CABLE TO EGYPT, THIS ONE TO SPEAKER MAR'I, BEGGED FOR IMMEDIATE ACTION, NOTING PLO IS IN URGENT NEED OF GASOLINE AND MAZOUT. ARAFAT HAS ALSO REPORTEDLY MADE SAME POINT TO VARIOUS ARAB LEADERS IN LAST 24 HOURS. EGYPTIAN COMMANDER OF ARAB PEACE-KEEPING FORCE IS REPORTED JULY 11 TO HAVE SAID PRESENT PEACE-KEEPING FORCE WILL NOT BEGIN ITS MISSION UNLESS CEASE-FIRE IS REACHED.

7. FOR FIRST TIME, EGYPTIAN PRESS HAS BEEN HINTING THAT PROPOSAL FOR FIGHTING FORCE MAY BE SUPPORTED BY GOE. AHRAM JULY 11, IN LEAD EDITORAL, SAID AL COUNCIL "MUST" RAISE ARAB FIGHTING FORCE TO IMPOSE ARAB WILL ON LEBANESE AND END BLOODSHED. AKHBAR JULY 12 MAKES SAME DEMAND: "NO OTHER ALTERNATIVE" IS POSSIBLE. EILTS

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